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SUBJ: SADAT'S REACTION TO PRIMIN BEGIN'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. DURING MY MEETING WITH SADAT THIS MORNING, HE HAD SOME RELATIVELY MILD COMMENTS ABOUT PRIMIN BEGIN'S WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE. HE NOTED BEGIN HAD "APPEARED TO BE VERY DIPLOMATIC AND OPEN-MINDED" IN CLAIMING THAT EVERY ISSUE CAN BE DISCUSSED WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. IN SADAT'S VIEW, HOWEVER, BEGIN SHOULD NOT HAVE PUT THE PRECONDITION THAT THE PLO IS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM GENEVA TALKS. AS BEGIN WAS WELL AWARE, THE PALESTINE ISSUE IS THE CORE OF THE ARAB/ISRAELI PROBLEM AND CAN BE SOLVED WHENEVER ISRAEL WANTS TO SOLVE IT. ON THE WHOLE, BEGIN HAD BEEN MODERATE.

2. ONE COMMENT BEGIN HAD MADE DID TROUBLE HIM. REGRETTABLY, BEGIN HAD RAISED THE SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION AS AN ISSUE. AS HE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT CARTER, WE SHOULD NOT RAISE SIDE ISSUES IN TRYING TO MOVE AHEAD TOWARD ME PEACE AND SOUTH LEBANON, WHILE SERIOUS,
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IS IN SADAT'S VIEW ESSENTIALLY A SIDE ISSUE. SADAT RECALLED THE ARABS ARE TRYING TO RESOLVE THE LEBANESE PROBLEM, BUT OBSERVED THAT HE DID NOT WANT THE SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION TO COME BEFORE ANY GENEVA CONFERENCE. THEREARE ENOUGHG BASIC ISSUES THAT HAVE TO BE TACKLED.

3. I EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION THAT GOE HAS NOT PUBLICLY

REACTED TO BEGIN PRESS CONFERENCE AND HOPED THIS WOULD
CONTINUE. I HAD MADE SIMILAR SUGGESTION TO FAHMY TWO
DAYS AGO, NOTING OUR BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE
IF ALL PARTIES ESCHEWED PUBLIC COMMENT PENDING THE
SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE AREA. SADAT AGREED THAT
PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD FOR THE TIME BEING BE AVOIDED.
LIKE FAHMY, HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT EGYPT AND ARAB STATES
WILL HAVE TO RESPOND IF ISRAEL MAKES MAJOR PUBLIC
RELATIONS EFFORT TO BEGIN PROPOSAL. HE HOPED
THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE. HE AGREED THAT THIS IS
A TIME FOR QUIET DIPLOMACY.
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